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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of forming a key hiding device, comprising:

providing a conventional pop-up sprinkler having a cap and a housing; removing the cap from the housing; and

removing sprinkler parts from inside the housing so as to form a cavity therein adapted to receive a key; and

placing a key in the cavity so as to conceal the key from view.

- 14. (**Original**) The method of Claim 13, wherein the sprinkler stem inside the housing is removed.
- 15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, further comprising re-attaching the cap to the housing and affixing the device to the ground with the cap disposed substantially flush with the upper surface of the ground.
- 16. (**Original**) The method of Claim 13, further comprising positioning the device adjacent to a plurality of other conventional pop-up sprinklers.
- 17. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 13, further comprising positioning a plurality of the devices in the ground such that the devices are spaced apart in a similar manner as conventional adjacent to other pop-up sprinklers.
- 18. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the device is positioned in the front yard of a dwelling.